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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT:EVACUATION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS.

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1471

1. DEPARTMENT IS SYMPATHETIC WITH APPARENT GOE DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO ENFORCE NORMAL EXIT CONTROLS DESPITE EXISTENCE CURRENT HIGHLY ABNORMAL CONDITION. HOWEVER, GOE MUST APPRECIATE PRESENT SITUATION REQUIRES THAT IT EXERCISE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY. IT IS TO THEIR INTERESTS THAT FOREIGNERS ARE EXTRACTED FROM THREAT OF PERSONAL DANGER. GOE SHOULD ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT DEPARTURE OF FOREIGNERS WILL HELP FREE IT TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IT DEEMES NECESSARY TO COPE WITH THREATS TO REGIME'S STABILITY. IN THIS CONTEXT IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS TO GOE THAT AMCITS TRYING TO DEPART COUNTRY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DO SO QUICKLY BOTH TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF UNTOWARD INCIDENTS INVOLVING AMERICANS AND CERTAINTY OF STRONG ADVERSE US PUBLIC REACTION IF EXIT PERMITS ARE DENIED.

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2. EMBASSY IS ENCOURAGED TO PURSUE ITS TACTIC OF HAVING
EACH CITIZEN COMPLETE HIS OWN AFFIDAVIT PROPERLY NOTARIZED
BY CONSULAR OFFICER AS MEANS TO MEET EXIT VISA REQUIREMENTS.
IF THIS APPEAR TO BE UNSUCCESSFUL FOR ANY REASON, PROVIDE
DEPARTMENT WITH DETAILS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS TOGETHER

WITH INDICATION OF MINIMUM GUARANTEES GOE MIGHT FIND
ACCEPTABLE. INCLUDE COMMENT WHETHER SUITABLE GUARANTEE
MIGHT TAKE FORM OF ASSURANCES BEING GIVEN ETHIOPIAN
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON BY THE CITIZENS RELATIVES,
FRIENDS OR EMPLOYERS HERE IN US.

3. ON BASIS OF INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE
DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TO EXTEND
FINANCIAL GUARANTEES ON BEHALF OF PRIVATE AMERICAN
CITIZENS. KISSINGER

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